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In April, iron production reached 635 tons, an increase of 46 tons from March. In March, machinery output was 688 pieces, but it was greatly increased during April. Plans are being made by the T'ien-feng factory manufacturing flour grinders to institute a night shift. This factory is now producing one grinder per month.

**EAST ASIA COMPANY PLANS EXPANSION -- Wen-hui Pao, 17 May 49**

Manager Sung Yei-ch'ing (Ueda: 2312, 4331, 1052) of the East Asia Company in T'ien-ching is planning to enlarge the company to increase production. After the liberation, Sung was hesitant in undertaking any large-scale production because of his distrust of Communist authorities caused by erroneous KMT propaganda. However, his suspicion and fear of the Communists were soon removed by the generous policy of the People's Government. Contrary to his expectation, the People's Government failed to confiscate a single private plant, but instead strove to render great assistance to private entrepreneurs in solving their problems of raw materials, capital, and marketing. In addition, labor-capital disputes were amicably settled through the intervention of the People's Government to the satisfaction of both parties.

Enlightened by these facts, Sung is now a changed man. His company which manufactures chemical, bags and wool products, and employs more than 1,000 workers, will soon be enlarged to increase output to help the liberated people.

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